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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Before examination, please amend this application as follows.

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 23, with the following:

Objects and advantages of the invention will be understood by reading the following detailed description in conjunction with the drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a clip applier constructed in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 2a is a perspective view of a shaft assembly of a clip applier in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 2b is an assembly view of the shaft assembly depicted in Fig. 2a;

Figure 2c is an enlarged assembly view of portions of the shaft assembly depicted in Figure 2b;

Figure 3a is a cross-sectional view, taken in a plane parallel to the jaw members, of a shaft assembly of a clip applier in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 3b is a cross-sectional view, taken in a plane perpendicular to the jaw members, of a shaft assembly of a clip applier in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 4 is an assembly view of a handle assembly in accordance with the present invention;



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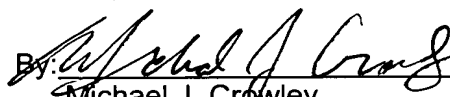
Enclosed is an Amendment for the above-identified patent application.

No additional claim fee is required.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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